

From: [Canellas, Bart](#)
To: [Little, Bill](#)
Subject: FW: Devil's Swamp Advisory
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 10:36:05 AM
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[DevilSwampAdvisoryRelease.bjc.docx](#)

Bill what you think? I was thinking adding a couple of sentences to say this is as per the State protocols, but LDEQ and EPA continue to work with the Superfund investigation.

Bart

From: Keith Horn [mailto:Keith.Horn@LA.GOV]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 9:59 AM
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Bart:

This is the draft advisory being prepared by LDHH. If EPA would like to make any comments to Mr. Ford at LDHH, now is the time.

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From: John Ford (DHH)
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Our first draft of the release is attached. I'd like to include some of the information from our questions in the release, so at this stage just let me know if there is anything inaccurate (or that could be confusing) in the release. I'm unfamiliar with the area in question.



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Also, does this release need to go out this evening? Just trying to get a sense of the urgency.

Thanks,

John Ford

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From: Shannon Soileau

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John, Olivia-

We will work on compiling the answers to your questions. In the meantime, please find a summary sheet on the site attached. It was distributed by EPA in May and has some background info.

Thanks, Shannon

From: John Ford (DHH)

Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 4:43 PM

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Good afternoon Darcie,

We'll begin working on the release now, but have some questions.

- Who are the EPA site manager and community involvement coordinator?
- Does the signed advisory need to be posted online anywhere and is that being taken care of?
- The attachment says the update is based on limited sampling data from 2012-2013. Why is the advisory going out now?
- Should people who have eaten fish or crawfish from this area between then and now be concerned?
- What are the symptoms if someone were to become ill due to ingesting contaminated fish

from this area?

- Is the last time an advisory for this area was issued 7/9/93? What was the advisory for that time?
- How common are these types of advisories?

Olivia may have more questions. Just want to make sure we're ready to answer media inquiries after the release goes out. We'll coordinate with DEQ and DWF as soon as we have the release drafted.

Thank you,

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Good Afternoon Olivia,

In accordance with the *Protocol for Issuing Public Health Advisories for Chemical Contaminants in Recreationally Caught Fish and Shellfish*", the fish consumption advisory for Devil's Swamp and the Bayou Baton Rouge area (East Baton Rouge Parish) has been drafted, reviewed and submitted for signature to the secretaries (or designated representatives) of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (DWF).

The advisory has been signed by all 3 agencies and now requires that notification be

made to local officials to inform them of the findings and the pending issuance of a seafood consumption advisory in their area. Contact information for local officials is listed below. The EPA site manager and community involvement coordinator may have additional points of contact as well. Please also coordinate the release with DEQ and DWF communications departments.

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Thank You,
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